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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 575
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend John M. Stone, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Metropolitan Davidson County Department of Hospitals.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with the utmost integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone, Sr. is most assuredly one such venerable citizen who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone has meritoriously served the Metropolitan Davidson County Department of General Hospitals for thirty-three years and will be retiring from his position as Director of Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, He was born February 4, 1943 to Guy and Mary Stone of Clarksville; the second of five children, he has a twin sister and a younger brother and sister who are also twins; and

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WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Mr. Stone is a 1961 graduate of Clarksville High School; he graduated in 1965 from Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Economics and, in 1967, graduated from George Washington University with a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration; he is also a licensed Nursing Home Hospital Administrator; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone began his admirable career in hospital administration at the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital on September 23, 1968 as an administrative assistant in charge of the ambulatory emergency area; and

WHEREAS, Following promotions to the positions of Assistant Administrator and Associate Administrator, Mr. Stone was again promoted in January 1975 to the position of Administrator of the Nashville Metropolitan Bordeaux Hospital; and

WHEREAS, He accepted the position of Director of Hospitals for the Metropolitan Davidson County Department of Hospitals in January of 1978; as Director of Hospitals, he has astutely governed the General and Bordeaux hospitals, including over 1,000 employees and 800 acute and chronic long-term disease/nursing home beds; and

WHEREAS, Under John M. Stone, Sr.'s illustrious leadership, the Riberio and Birmingham buildings were erected at NMBH, the General Hospital improved its Emergency Room/Trauma Unit, the EMS Communications System was established, and the General Hospital was relocated to the Meharry Medical College Campus; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of his community, Mr. Stone has served in numerous community leadership positions, including as Board Member and Chairman of the Tennessee Hospital Association, House Delegate for the Metropolitan Section for the American Heart Association, diplomat for the American College of Healthcare Executives, and Chairman of the Disaster Planning Council, as well as a member of the AHA Regional Advisory Board, the Southeastern Hospital Conference Board, and the State Public Health Council; and

WHEREAS, For his generosity of spirit and exceptional service, he has been awarded the 1998 Dr. William Altemeier Award by Our Kids, Inc., the 1986 THA Distinguished Service Award, and the 2000 Book of Golden Deeds by the Donelson Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone, Sr. exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone, Sr. enjoys the love and companionship of his wife of thirty-four years, Margaret Joyce Stephens Stone, and their two children, Julee Elizabeth and John, Jr.; the Stones are also blessed with one grandchild, Phillip Darrell Clark, II who is affectionately known as "Granddaddy's Best Buddy"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone has contributed his time and remarkable talents to many community organizations; he has served as a volunteer for the Remote Area Medical Team, as a member of the Leadership Donelson Chamber, and as a Board Member of Leadership Donelson Hermitage; active in Senior Citizens, Inc., he has served as the 2000 Co-Chair, 2001 Chairman and as a member of the steering committee for the Star Spangled Salute; and

WHEREAS, A Cub Scout at Norman Smith Elementary School and member of Boy Scout Troop #514 in his youth, he is currently a member of the Boy Scouts of America's Executive Board for the Middle Tennessee Council; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone, Sr. has ably served the Boy Scouts of America in the past as Chairman of the Hermitage District and as a Scoutmaster for Troop #39; during his tenure as Scoutmaster, eighteen boys achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Earning his Eagle Scout at the age of seventeen, Mr. Stone has since been awarded the Hermitage District Long Rifle Award, the Middle Tennessee Council Silver Beaver Award, Scouter's Key, and Wood Badge; and

WHEREAS, John Stone is currently serving as a Board Member of The Donelson Rotary Club, he is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served on various Rotary Club committees, including the Tennessee Aviation Days Air Show, Big Brothers Paper Drive, and the Interact Club with the

Donelson Christian Academy; he served as Donelson Rotary Club President from 1983-1984 and was awarded Rotarian of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone, Sr. has also served as a member of the American Heart Association's State and Local Boards and as President of the Donelson Hermitage Old Hickory Chapter, in addition to chairing various committees and special events for the AHA; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Mr. Stone enjoys working with the Boy Scouts, golfing, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, John M. Stone has served the Metropolitan Davidson County Department of Hospitals, the hospitals' employees and patients, and the communities of Davidson County with distinction; his wisdom and insight will be greatly missed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor John M. Stone, Sr. for his honorable service to the citizens of Davidson County and to the Metropolitan Davidson County Department of Hospitals, commend him on thirty-three years of professional excellence, and applaud his commitment to his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.